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1. HATOYAMA Ichiro's illness will prevent him from taking an active part in politics in the next three or four years. Since YOSHIDA Shigeru is unwilling to stay in office for that length of time, he and HATOYAMA Ichiro have decided to turn the leadership of the Liberal Party over to OGATA Taketora.

2. YOSHIDA Shigeru is expected to remain in office at least one year from the date of the ratification of the Treaty. He will then call a general election and name OGATA Taketora as his successor.

3. OGATA Taketora will be depurged very soon. He will not take any immediate part in politics. He is being urged to travel abroad, to study the international situation at first-hand and to prepare himself for his responsibilities.

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